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In re Patent Application of) Attorney Docket No.: ASAIN0103
Kiwamu KASE et al.) Confirmation No. 7229
Serial No.: 10/058,905)
Filed: January 30, 2002) Group Art Unit: 2671
For: STORAGE METHOD OF)
SUBSTANTIAL DATA) Examiner: Peter PAPPAS
INTEGRATING SHAPE AND)
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES) Date: August 8, 2005

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, this Information Disclosure Statement in connection with the above-identified application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c).

The documents identified on forms PTO/SB/08A&B are relevant as follows.

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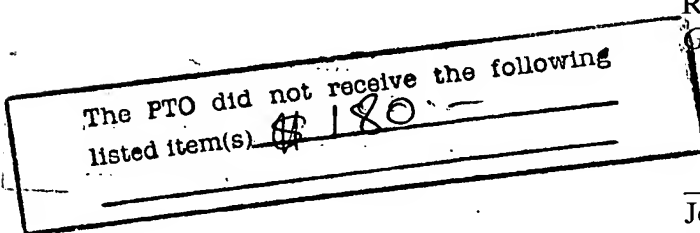
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application. Document D is a copy of an Office Action from the European Patent Office in corresponding European Application No. EP 02 002 407.1-1225, and its relevance is believed to be clear from the European Action. Document E is a copy of a response to the summons to attend Oral Proceedings of March 16, 2005, regarding European Application No. EP 02 002 407.1-1225, and its relevance is believed to be clear from the contents of the document. Accordingly, no further comment regarding the disclosures of these documents is believed to be required.

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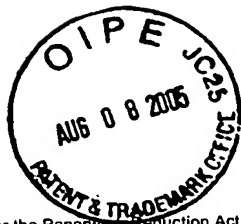
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	B	K. KASE et al., Volume CAD--CW-complexes based approach, Computer-Aided Design (in press).	
	C	Developing Volume-CAD as the basis for next generation manufacturing, RIKEN News, March 2005, 9 pages, at www.riken.go.jp/engn/r-world/info/release/news/2005/mar/ .	
	D	Office Action regarding EP Application No. 02 002 407.1-1225, European Patent Office, dated January 1, 2004, 6 pages.	
	E	Response to the Summons to attend Oral Proceedings of March 16, 2005, dated May 6, 2005, regarding EP Application No. 02 002 407.1-1225, 7 pages.	
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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

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